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PATENT APPLICATION

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Yutaka BAN, et al.	)	
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For: TONER SUPPLYING CONTAINER	)	
AND IMAGE FORMING	:	July 24, 2006
APPARATUS	)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The documents were cited in the enclosed Search Report dated June 27, 2006, in a European counterpart application. A copy of the cited Japanese document and a corresponding English-language Abstract are also enclosed.

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### STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

Enclosed herewith is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the fee for this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2). Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

### REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 5,548,384, which is identified in the Search Report, was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 5, 2003 in the present application. Accordingly, it is not listed on the enclosed citation form.

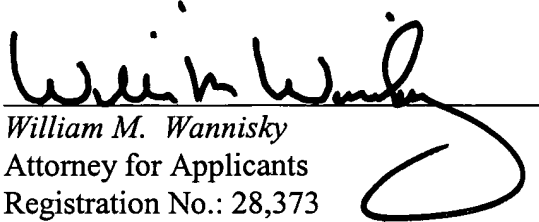
### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	<b>5,331,382</b>	<b>07/19/1994</b>	<b>Miura, et al.</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>260</b>	

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<b>10-198145</b>	<b>07/31/1998</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>	

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